

Animal Welfare Committee Meeting
January 28, 2016
City Council – Chamber Hall

<u>Term Exp</u>	<u>Members</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Staff	Vivian Cooper		X
2/28/2018	Taimi Anderson		X
4/30/2017	Suzie Bellamy	X	
5/26/2018	Nick Brennan	X	
7/31/2018	Lois Donaty		X
2/28/2017	Patti Stange	X	X
3/31/2016	Dave Turley		
11/23/2018	Kathy Rodeffer	X	

Guests: Bob Ryan (sitting in for Vivian Cooper), Sheryl DeWalt, contract secretary

The meeting was called to order at 7:14pm by Mr. Brennan.

1. The December 10 meeting minutes were reviewed. Ms. Bellamy made a motion to accept the minutes. Ms. Rodeffer seconded the motion. All in favor; no opposed.
2. There are currently no cats at the shelter. Ben and Moxie were recently adopted. CD was adopted about two weeks ago. Miss Independence is still at Petco.

Mr. Ryan shared that a dog was found around 3am on Sunday morning. Christine offered to foster the dog and she posted the tag information. Rodney Taylor at the Prince Georges County Animal Control gave her the owners name and contact information and the dog was returned to the owner.

3. The Neighbor Quality of Life was a great success.
4. The Stakeholders meeting for the new Prince Georges County shelter was well attended. Lois Donaty, Patti Stange and Kennis Termini attended on behalf of College Park. The architects who are working on the project have designed many animal shelters in the past. The intention is to have a lower kill rate of animals and increase adoption by having the new shelter cover several cities.
5. The December 12th Petco pictures were well attended. Approximately 20 pet owners came. Ms. Stange thanked Ms. DeWalt and her godson for the help.

6. There was discussion about the \$5000 grant from Prince Georges County being utilized for a TNR program since it was approved by City Council. Discussion took place on how to administer the program, with whom would the committee work on TNR, education of the committee on TNR, how many feral cat communities are in College Park. Mr. Brennan stated that he would ask Laurel Cats to attend the February meeting and give an overview on their program. The committee would like to get a TNR program expedited before spring.
7. Mr. Brennan is trying to obtain an update on the Pit Bull ban and the repeal to change the law. He hopes to have an update for the February meeting.
8. Just a reminder that everyone that lives in the 20740 zip code is eligible for the free spay and neuter program. Applications can be obtained online and through Animal Control.
9. Ms. Anderson sent a message that she would like to work on the Foster Family database. This will be discussed at the February meeting.
10. There was a discussion on cat and dog sanctuaries and where they are located. The committee will ask Ms. Cooper for an updated list. The sanctuaries are always looking for volunteers and this may be a great way to involve the University of Maryland Animal Science Department students.

Ms. Bellamy made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Stange seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.

